

"The fatal weakness of the Taft candidacy is that it is an absolutely machine-made product, not vitalized by popular sentiment. It is hand-woman's work. It is the men in the machine over the wheel the moment the vehicle shows a sign of stalling; and the sign is in sight.

"The Chicago convention will make nomination not produce an intimate action, the result of cowardice on the part of party leadership, not involving the surrender of party prospects in 10 congressional districts and a dozen Northern and Border States, and not imposing upon the Republican party the task of proving that the support of predatory wealth has not been secured for the Taft candidacy at the sacrifice of the policies which the progressive wing of the Republican party has adopted.

"While it must be admitted that the anti-Taft people are able to make a strong showing of reasons why Sacrosanct

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LEXINGTON (KY. May 23.—Shortly before midnight last night 'Night Riders' burned a mammoth barn owned by Mrs. Lizzie Burrus, near Salvisa, in Mercer county. The country home of Mrs. Burrus was for a time threatened, but it was saved by a bucket brigade.

It is known that Mrs. Burrus had intended to raise a 1908 crop of tobacco.

**PRANK OF THOUGHTLESS BOY
SETS FIRE TO A CHURCH**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 23.—A small boy, while at burning of a cat-alp-nine tails and a pig-grower's name came near destroying Floyd Street Presbyterian Church here to-day.

The boy threw the burning brand into the nest in a gutter and when the firemen arrived the nest had set fire to the church. The damage was trifling.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—Louis Charles, secretary of the American Wood Pulp and Paper Association, testified to-day before the house wood pulp and paper investigating committee. He told of efforts made by a former secretary to obtain statistics of the trade, but said these efforts had failed, owing to the refusal of the manufacturers to attend a meeting that had been held in Chicago in March, 1908, for the purpose of inducing the Western manufacturers to join the association in order to enable them to fight more efficiently the attacks which had been made by the National Paper Publishers' Association. A number of Western manufacturers joined the organization.

He said the association had been in existence for thirty years. He also said that the organization was not to be restricted to manufacturers except so far as associated members are concerned.

Onel James Lyons and Major R. V. Gaines.

The dinner, which was spread on long tables out under the trees after the speaking was a most enjoyable affair, and though thousands were fed, it was by no means upon five loaves and three fishes, for when it was over there were boxes and baskets of good things that had not been opened.

Loyal to the Cause.

No county in this section sent more soldiers to the front considering population than did old Charlotte, and nowhere in the South does there dwell a

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who has devoted practically four months to the study of the campaign laws, without any compensation for his services, said the State prohibition campaign managers expect prohibition majorities in every one of the ten congressional districts of the State, and that, remarkably, it is the same, more or less, everywhere. Majorities were expected to come from the Ninth and the Tenth (the mountain) Districts.

He says that while the State Campaign Committee has been distributing literature through the State, the towns, evenly, local interests have kindled special contentions in a number of the towns, and the hardest contests are probably Wilmington, Salisbury and Winston-Salem, with some others in between. At three of these points will be carried out prohibition. In that, while certain of the towns may give a majority vote.

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RUMPACKER BILL IS LAID TO REST FOR YEAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—The campaign publicity bill, with representative restriction amendments, which was passed by the House yesterday, was laid before the Senate to-day. Without discussion the bill was referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections, where it will remain at least until the next session of Congress.

Judge Gill Shot Fatally Shot.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HENDERSON, N. C., May 23.—This morning at 8 o'clock, while David H. Gill, Esq., formerly judge of probate, and one of the most progressive farmers of the county, was superintending some of his land, he accidentally shot himself with a pistol, inflicting a wound which it is feared will prove fatal.

Bill Will Beat Taft.
The Crumpacker bill," said the Governor, "seems to be an attempt to reverse the Bill which has been so intensively the feeling between the Northern Republicans and Southern Democrats. Fair-minded Republicans, however, are practically all Democrats in the North. Consider such efforts, which appears on its face to have been put on as a rider to divert attention from the main bill, as a device to make public the names of their big campaign contributors. I do